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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6340**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 57**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 16, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sign Language Interpreters in Schools.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lubbers

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Porter

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires the advisory board of the Division of Professional Standards (DPS) of the Department of Education, before July 1, 2010, to adopt rules setting standards for sign language interpreters working in an educational setting.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary-* It is likely the advisory board would be able to adopt the required rules within their existing level of resources and within the course of a regularly scheduled business meeting.

**Background:** The advisory board was appropriated \$1.5 M to its dedicated fund. Money remaining in the fund does not revert at the end of the fiscal year.

The advisory board has 19 voting members, 18 of whom are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. Appointed members must be actively employed by a school corporation. Members are entitled to receive travel- and duty-related expenditure reimbursement for their board service.

To date, the advisory board has met three times during CY 2008. The board has met as many as 10 times in a given year (2002). The DPS had total in-state travel expenditures of \$10,026 during FY 2008.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education, Advisory Board of the Division of Professional Standards.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Budget Agency: Auditor's Data; *State of Indiana List of Appropriations Made by the 2007 Indiana General Assembly for the Biennium July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2009.*

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